



PROUD HOST: Parade of Unimas contingent during the opening ceremony.

Better late than never for Borneo IPT Staff Games

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KUCHING: Unimas have finally organised the third edition of the Borneo IPT Staff Friendly Games after a year's delay.

Unimas vice-chancellor Prof Datuk Dr Khairuddin Abdul Hamid explained that the delay was due to the university's tight schedule of events last year.

He was speaking at the opening of the games on Monday night.

He also thanked the Ministry of Higher Education for selecting Unimas as host for the third edition of the games.

The opening ceremony was officiated by Senior Minister and Minister of Social Development Tan Sri William Mawan Ikom.

In his speech, Mawan highlighted the main purpose and goal of the games to promote friendship and unity among the various institutions of higher learning in Borneo.

"We have always welcome activities that promote friendship and unity. I would like to congratulate Unimas for their effort in organising such a great event," he added.

Also present at the opening ceremony was Datu Hatta Solhi, Chairman of the Malaysia University of Sarawak Directors' Board. Staff members from 19 institutions of higher learning are competing in 13 sports events from Feb 3-8.

There are four contingents from



LET THE GAMES BEGIN: Mawan (centre) launching the third edition of the Borneo IPT Staff Friendly Games. Also seen are Dr Khairuddin (left) and Hatta.

Brunei and one from Indonesia.

The list of participating institutions: Unimas, Negara Brunei Darussalam University, Sultan Sharif Ali University, Brunei Institute of Technology, Religious Teaching College of Seri Begawan, Universitas Tanjungpura, Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Universiti Malaysia Sabah (Labuan International Campus),

UiTM Samarahan Campus, UiTM Sabah Branch, Universiti Putra Malaysia (Bintulu Campus), Swinburne Institute of Technology, Kuching Polytechnic, Mukah Polytechnic, Kota Kinabalu Polytechnic, Kuching Community College, Mas Gading Community College, Batu Lintang Teacher's Training College and MARA Skills Institute of Kuching.